### CIRCL - DFIR 1.0.2

Introduction: File System Forensics and Data Recovery



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1. File System Analysis - Overview

## 1.1 Abstract: Components of a file system

```
File System: - Organize data on a block device
                       - Maintain an allocation table
                       - Utilize meta data
  File Name
                      Metadata
file1.txt
                  |Time stamps,
                                                                          5001
-> Inode: 13
                  |Owner, Group,
                                                                         5002
                  |Rights: MACB,
                                                                          5003
file2.txt
                  |5001,5002,5003
                                          -> Inode: 14
                  |Size: 68 Byte
                                                                         5005
                                                                          5006
file3.txt
                  |Time stamps,
-> Inode: xyz
                  |Owner, Group,
                  |Rights: MACB,
                  15004.5005
                  |Size: 55 Byte
                                               ( 32 Byte cluster )
                                                                          5011
                                                               24
                                                                      31
```

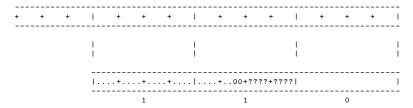
```
Allocation table (Meta): 13, 14
Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005
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```

#### 1.2 Delete a file: Allocated $\rightarrow$ Unallocated

```
File System: - Organize data on a block device
                         - Maintain an allocation table
                         - Utilize meta data
  File Name
                        Metadata
                                                 Content
file1.txt
                    |Time stamps,
                                     | 13
                                                                                 5001
-> Inode: 13
                    |Owner. Group.
                                                                                5002
                    |Rights: MACB,
                                                                                 5003
file2.txt XX
                    |5001,5002,5003
                                                                        ...... 5004
-> Inode: 14
                    |Size: 68 Byte
                                                                                 5005
                                                                                 5006
file3.txt
                    |Time stamps,
                                     1 14
-> Inode: xyz
                    |Owner, Group,
                    |Rights: MACB,
                    15004.5005
                    |Size: 55 Byte
                                                    ( 32 Byte cluster )
                                                                                 5011
                                                             16
                                                                      24
                                                                             31
```

Allocation table (Meta): 13
Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003
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## 1.3 Slack space



- 0 = Unallocated
- 1 = Allocated

#### Evolution of slack space:

- Complete cluster is allocated to the file
- Until end of sector: Filled with zeros (or random memory --> RAM slack)
- Until end of cluter: Don't touch at all --> File slack
- Maybe there are rests of deleted file content.

## 1.4 Metadata based file recovery: Abstract

1. Create file: file1.txt

File Name	Inode
file1.txt     -> Inode: 13	7123, 7124   13 
i i	14

						-	 	 -	 	-	-	 	-	-	 	-		
																	7122	2
Н	е	1	]	L	0											1	7123	3
			-															

| World | 7124 | | | ...

Allocation table (Meta): 13
Allocation table: 7123, 7124

2. Delete file: file1.txt

File Name	Inode
file1.txt XX	
-> Inode: 13	1
1 1	14
I I	1
	l l
	1

#### Content

Content

1									- 1	7	122
1	Η	е	1	1	0				- 1	7	123
1	W	0	r	1	d				- 1	7	124
									- 1		
									- 1		

Allocation table (Meta): 14
Allocation table: 7122, 7123

## 1.4 Metadata based file recovery: Abstract

2. Delete file: file1.txt

File Name	Inode	Content	
file1.txt XX	7123, 7124   13	1	7122
-> Inode: 13	1	H e l l o	7123
		World	7124
1 1	14	1	1
1 1	I I	I	1
	1		
	1	Allocation table (Meta):	
		Allocation table:	

3. Create file: file2.txt (Partially overwrite data of file1.txt)

File Name	Inode	Content				
file1.txt XX	7123, 7124   13		7122			
-> Inode: 13		Paula	7123			
		World	7124			
file2.txt	7122, 7123   14	I	1			
-> Inode: 14	I I	I	1			
	l l					
	I I	Allocation table (Meta): 14				
		Allocation table: 7122, 7123				

## 1.4 Metadata based file recovery: Abstract

3. Create file: file2.txt (Partially overwrite data of file1.txt)

```
# Recovery of a (deleted) file
```

\$ dd if=deleted.dd of=file2.txt bs=32 skip=7122 count=2
 --> This is Paula

```
# Recovery of a reallocated file
```

Discussion: What did we miss in this abstract example? 10 of 93

#### 1.5 The Sleuth Kit

```
# Volume system information
mmstat
              # List partition table
mmls
              # Cat a partition
mmcat
fsstat
              # File system information
fls
              # List files and directories
fcat
              # Cat a file
ffind
              # Find filename of an inode
istat
              # Inode information
ils
              # List inodes
icat
              # Cat an inode
ifind
              # Find inode of a sector
blkstat
              # Information of a data unit
blkls
              # Output data units
              # Cat a data unit
blkcat
jls
              # List content of journal
icat
              # Cat a block from journal
mactime
              # File system time line
srch_strings # Display printable characters
hfind
              # Hash database lookup
. . . .
```

## 1.6 Metadata based file recovery: The Sleuth Kit

3. Create file: file2.txt (Partially overwrite data of file1.txt)

```
# Recovery of a (deleted) file
```

- \$ icat deleted 14 > file2.txt
  - --> This is Paula
- # Recovery of a reallocated file
- \$ icat deleted 13 > file1.txt
  - --> Paula World

Exercise: Recover deleted files from /carving/deleted.dd

#### 1.7 File slack and unallocted clusters

Slack: Manual approach with dd

```
fsstat deleted.dd
    Cluster Size: 4096
fls -r deleted.dd
istat deleted.dd 72
    size: 12071
    1131 1132 1133
$ echo $(( (3*4096) - 12071 ))
    217
dd if=deleted.dd bs=4096 skip=1133 count=1 | xxd | less
```

• Slack: Automated approach with The Sleuthkit

```
blkls -s -b 4096 usb.dd
```

- Exercise: Does file recovery incl. slack?
- Blocks: With The Sleuthkit

```
blkls -a -b 4096 deleted .dd | xxd | less # Allocated blocks
blkls -A -b 4096 deleted .dd | xxd | less # Unallocated blocks
blkls -e -b 4096 deleted .dd | xxd | less # All blocks
```



2. FAT - File Allocation Table

### 2.1 FAT file system structure

#### Layout and VBR Example

1	Volume Boot Record	
Ī	FAT1	
Ī	FAT2	
ī	Root Directory (FAT12/16)	
	Data Clusters	

```
0000: eb3c 906d 6b66 732e 6661 7400 0204 0400 0010: 0200 0200 00f8 4000 2000 4000 0000 0000 0020: 0000 0100 8000 2974 6812 e84e 4f20 4e41 0030: 4d45 2020 2020 4641 5431 3620 2020 0e1f 0040: be5b 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4 0ebb 0700 cd10 0050: 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb fe54 6869 7320 ....
```

```
Exercise: fat16.dd = 33.554.432 Byte Can you calculate the size or this FAT16?
```

#### VBR interpretation

```
Offset
                Length
                           Item
                                                  Interpretation
                                                  IMP 62 NOP
00 (0 \times 00)
                           Jump bootstrap
03 (0×03)
                           OEM name
                                                  mkfs.fat
                           Bytes/sector
                                                  0 \times 0002 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0200 = 512 Bytes
11
   (0x0B)
13 (0x0D)
                           Sectors / Cluster
                                                  0 \times 04
                                                                          = 2048 Bytes
14 (0×0E)
                           Sector before FS 0 \times 0400 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0004 =
                                                                                 4 Sectors
16 (0×10)
                           Copies of FAT
                                                  0 \times 02
```

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### 2.1 FAT Filesystem structures

#### Layout and VBR Example

	Volume Boot Record	-
1	FAT1	Ī
1	FAT2	I
ī	Root Directory (FAT12/16)	Ī
	Data Clusters	

```
0000: eb3c 906d 6b66 732e 6661 7400 0204 0400 0010: 0200 0200 0018 4000 2000 4000 0000 0000 0020: 0000 0100 8000 2974 6812 e84e 4f20 4e41 0030: 4d45 2020 2020 4641 5431 3620 2020 0e1f 0040: be5b 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4 0ebb 0700 cd10 0050: 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb fe54 6869 7320
```

```
Exercise: fat16.dd = 33.554.432 Byte Can you calculate the size or this FAT16? Solution: 33554432 / 512 / 4 * 2 / 512
```

#### VBR interpretation

```
Offset
                Length
                            Item
                                                   Interpretation
                                                  IMP 62 NOP
00 (0 \times 00)
                            Jump bootstrap
03 (0 \times 03)
                           OEM name
                                                   mkfs.fat
                            Bytes/sector
                                                  0 \times 0002 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0200 = 512 Bytes
11
   (0×0B)
13 (0x0D)
                            Sectors / Cluster
                                                  0 \times 04
                                                                           = 2048 Bytes
14 (0×0E)
                            Sector before FS 0 \times 0400 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0004 =
                                                                                  4 Sectors
16 (0×10)
                            Copies of FAT
                                                   0 \times 02
```

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## 2.2 FAT components simplified

Root Directory:

Name	Ext	Start	Size	
file_A	t×t	3	28	
file_B	t×t	7	4	

Content of file:

Not part of Root directory

Data Clusters: (Size of 8 characters)

	aaa	aaaaa   aa	aaaaaa   aa	aaaaaa	bbb	b	I	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	I	a a	aa	ı		I	1	
	8	9	А	В	С	D	Е	F

FAT: FAT16 in this example

| f8ff| ffff| 0000|0004|0005|000C|0000| ffff| 0000|0000|0000|0000| ffff| 0000| 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D Reserved

## 2.3 FAT Filesystems

• Examine the FAT16

```
fsstat FAT/fat16.dd
      Total Range: 0 - 65535
      * Reserved: 0-3
      ** Boot Sector: 0
      * FAT 0: 4 - 67
      * FAT 1: 68 - 131
      * Data Area: 132 - 65535
      ** Root Directory: 132 - 163
      ** Cluster Area: 164 - 65535
      Sector Size: 512
      Cluster Size: 2048
      Total Cluster Range: 2 - 16344
Test files:
      5000 Nov 27 14:21 file01.txt
       50 Nov 28 10:38 file02.txt
  file01.txt
      file02 txt
```

# 2.4 FAT file system analyzed

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: 4649 4c45 3031 2020 5458 5420 0064 c46a FILE01 TXT .d.i
     0030: 7b4d 7b4d 0000 c46a 7b4d 0300 8813 0000
                                                     {M{M...i{M.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3032 2020 5458 5420 0064 104d FILE02 TXT .d.M
     0070: 7c4d 7c4d 0000 104d 7c4d 0600 3200 0000 |M|M...M|M...2...
     Offset
                 Length
                          ltem
                                            Interpretation
     00 (0×00)
                 11
                          File Name
                                            FILE01 TXT
     26 (0×1A)
                         Low Cluster
                                            0 \times 0300 \longrightarrow 03
     28 (0×1C)
                          Size in Byes
                                            0 \times 8813 \longrightarrow 0 \times 1388 = 5000
Data Clusters:
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=164 count=4
                                            xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=168 count=4
                                                          AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
                                            xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=172 count=4
                                            xxd less AAAAAAAAAAAAAA
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=176 count=4
                                            xxd | less AAAAAAA .....
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=180 count=4
                                            xxd | less XXXXX.....
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000 f8ff ffff 0000 0400 0500 ffff ffff 0000
```

#### 2.5 FAT Exercise: Delete file01.txt

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```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: e549 4c45 3031 2020 5458 5420 0064 c46a . ILE01 TXT .d.i
     0030: 7b4d 7b4d 0000 c46a 7b4d 0300 8813 0000 {M{M...i{M.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3032 2020 5458 5420 0064 104d FILE02 TXT .d.M
     0070: 7c4d 7c4d 0000 104d 7c4d 0600 3200 0000 |M|M...M|M...2...
                 Length
                                            Interpretation
     Offset
                          ltem
     00 (0×00)
                 11
                          File Name
                                            ILF01 TXT
     26 (0×1A)
                         Low Cluster
                                           0 \times 0300 \longrightarrow 03
     28 (0×1C)
                         Size in Byes
                                           0 \times 8813 \longrightarrow 0 \times 1388 = 5000
Data Clusters:
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=164 count=4 |
                                           xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=168 count=4
                                                         AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
                                           xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=172 count=4
                                           xxd less AAAAAAAAAAAAAA
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=176 count=4
                                           xxd less AAAAAAA
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=180 count=4
                                           xxd | less XXXXX.....
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000: f8ff ffff 0000 0000 0000 0000 ffff 0000
```

## 2.6 FAT Exercise: Create subdirectory

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: 5445 5354 4449 5220 2020 2010 0000 334d TESTDIR
     0030: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 334d 7d4f 0300 0000 0000 }O}O...M}O.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3032 2020 5458 5420 0064 104d FILE02 TXT .d.M
     0070: 7c4d 7c4d 0000 104d 7c4d 0600 3200 0000 |M|M...M|M...2...
     Offset
                 Length Item
                                           Interpretation
     00 (0×00)
                      File Name
                                           TESTDIR
                 11
     26 (0x1A) 2 Low Cluster
                                           0 \times 0300 \longrightarrow 03
     28 (0×1C) 4
                       Size in Byes
                                           0 \times 000000000
Data Clusters: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=168 count=4 | xxd | less
     0000: 2e20 2020 2020 2020 2020 2010 0000 cc4c
     0010: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 cc4c 7d4f 0300 0000 0000
                                                     }0}0 . . . L}0 . . . . . .
     0020: 2e2e 2020 2020 2020 2020 2010 0000 cc4c
     0030: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 cc4c 7d4f 0000 0000 0000
                                                     }0}0 . . . L}0 . . . . .
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000: f8ff ffff 0000 ffff 0000 0000 ffff 0000
```

#### 2.7 FAT Exercise: File slack

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: 2e2e 2020 2020 2020 2020 2010 0000 cc4c
     0030: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 cc4c 7d4f 0000 0000 0000 }O}O...L}O.....
     0060 4649 4c45 3737 2020 5458 5420 0000 334d FILE77 TXT 3M
     0070: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 334d 7d4f 0400 2500 0000 }O\O..3M\O..%...
     Offset
                 Length
                        Item
                                            Interpretation
     00 (0 \times 00)
                         File Name
                                           FILE77 TXT
                 11
     26 (0×1A)
                  2 Low Cluster
                                           0 \times 0400 \longrightarrow 04
     28 (0×1C) 4
                         Size in Byes
                                           0 \times 250000000 \longrightarrow 0 \times 25 == 37
Data Clusters:
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=172 count=4 | xxd | less
                                                         1234567890ABCDEF
                                                         AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
                                                         ΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔ
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=176 count=4 | xxd | less
                                                         FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000: f8ff ffff 0000 ffff ffff 0000 ffff 0000
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```

## 2.8 FAT Hiding data in Bad Sectors

#### • Prepararation:

```
FAT: Mark a sector as bad
            F8FF FFFF 0000 0000 FFF7 0000 0000 0000
    00800
          F8FF FFFF 0000 0000 FFF7 0000 0000 0000
    08800
    -> The 3rd block is marked as bad sector
    -> Calculate: Data cluster start at sector 164
                  Cluster 3 is marked as bad
                  164 + (2 * 4) = 172
    -> We can use sector 172, 173, 174, 175 (cluster 3) to hide data
    ---> Byte offset: 172 * 512 = 88064
                              = 0 \times 15800
Data Cluster: Hide your secrets
    15800
            2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
    15810
          4D79 2073 6563 7265 743A 2020 2020 2020
                                                  My secret:
    15820 6131 6232 6333 6434 6535 6636 6737 6838
                                                  a1b2c3d4e5f6g7h8
```

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Copy file on disk

## 2.8 FAT Hiding data in Bad Sectors

#### • Analyze:

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
   0020: 4649 4c45 5f4f 2020 5458 5420 0000 3637 FILE O TXT 67
   0030 8a50 8a50 0000 3637 8a50 0300 1027 0000 P.P. 67 P.
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
   0000: f8ff ffff 0000 0500 fff7 0600 0700 0800
   Data: dd if=fat16.test skip=168 count=4 | xxd | less
   Data: dd if=fat16.test skip=172 count=4 | xxd | less
   0000 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
   0010: 4d79 2073 6563 7265 743a 2020 2020 2020 My secret:
   0020: 6131 6232 6333 6434 6535 6636 6737 6838
                                      a1b2c3d4e5f6g7h8
   Data: dd if=fat16.test skip=176 count=4 | xxd | less
```



3. NTFS - New Technology File System

# 3.1 NTFS file system structure

	Volume Boot Record		— Similar to FAT
	Master File Table		— MFT, ~12.5 $\$ of volume
	Data Clusters		
	MFT Mirror		— First 4 MFT entries
	Data Clusters		
1	Backup Boot Record		

#### 3.2 NTFS - Volume Boot Record

```
00000000 eb52 904e 5446 5320 2020 2000 0208 0000
                                              R NTFS
00000020: 0000 0000 8000 8000 fff7 0300 0000 0000
00000030: 0400 0000 0000 0000 7f3f 0000 0000 0000
                                              . . . . . . . . . ? . . . . . .
00000040: f600 0000 0100 0000 f92d c409 2fce 776f
                                              ........ - .../.wo
                                              . . . . . . . q | . " . t . V .
00000050: 0000 0000 0elf be71 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4
00000060: 0ebb 0700 cd10 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb
                                              . . . . . . ^ . . 2 . . . . . .
00000070: fe54 6869 7320 6973 206e 6f74 2061 2062
                                              This is not a h
00000080 6f6f 7461 626c 6520 6469 736b 2e20 506c
                                              ootable disk Pl
00000090: 6561 7365 2069 6e73 6572 7420 6120 626f
                                              ease insert a bo
000000a0: 6f74 6162 6c65 2066 6c6f 7070 7920 616e
                                              otable floppy an
. . . . . . . . . . . . . . U.
```

Offset:	Length:		Description:
00000000	3	JMP 52	Jump to bootcode at 54h
0000000B	2	00 02	Bytes per sector
000000D	1	08	Sectors per cluster
00000028	8	fff7 0300	262135 sectors in total
00000030	8	04	MFT start cluster
00000040	1	f6	Size of MFT records: $10 \longrightarrow 2^10 = 1.024$
00000054	426		Bootstrap code
000001FE	2	55 AA	End of sctor signature

### 3.3 NTFS - Meta Files

#### NTFS Meta Files

Entry	Filename	Description				
0	\$MFT	MFT self reference				
1	\$MFTMirr	Backup first 4 MFT entries				
2	\$LogFile	Journal				
3	\$Volume	Volume info lable, version				
4	\$AttrDef	Attribute definitions				
5		Root Directory				
6	\$Bitmap	Allocation status for each cluster				
7	\$Boot	Boot Sector and boot code				
8	\$BadClus	Bas Clusters				
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- Master File Table
  - MFT maintain 1 record per file/directory
  - o Size: 1024 Bytes per record
  - o In NTFS everything is a file
    - $\rightarrow$  Incl. meta files like \$MFT

### 3.4 MFT Record structure

Reco	rd Header	Attributes		End			
FILE				FF	FF	FF	FF
0	55	56				1	1023
Attr	Is this a Size of th Deleted: I butes mini Attribute Heade Data Attribute Heade Data Attribute Heade Data Attribute	: File is li file or a d e file s the file : \$10: \$SIA — er \$10 \$30: \$FNA — er \$30 Stream \$30 Stream \$30 stream \$30 stream \$30	already deleted  \$STANDARD_INFORMATION				
	of Recort: r Check Seq	FF FF FF FF uence					

```
$ Is −I
     15000 Dez 9 16:09 small text file.txt
$ fsstat -o 2048 ntfs.raw
     FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
     File System Type: NTFS
     METADATA INFORMATION
     First Cluster of MFT: 4
     First Cluster of MFT Mirror: 16255
     Size of MFT Entries: 1024 bytes
     CONTENT INFORMATION
     Sector Size: 512
     Cluster Size: 4096
     Total Cluster Range: 0 - 32510
```

r/r 73-128-2: small\_text\_file.txt

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\$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw

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```
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73
  Attributes:
  Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 15000 init_size: 15000
  4169 4170 4171 4172
Exercise: Analyze data with TSK
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 73 | less
  Exercise: Analyze data manually with dd
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4169*8)) count=32| xxd | less
```

#### Demo: Analyze MFT record manually

```
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{((2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)) \mid xxd \mid less\}
                                                FILE0
    0000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000
    0010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 b801 0000 0004 0000
                                                8
                                                Н
    0030: 1300 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
    . . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
    0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 4800 0000
    0170: 0100 4000 0000 0200
                            0000 0000
                                                . . @ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                                     0000 0000
    0180: 0300 0000 0000
                       0000 4000 0000 0000 0000
                                                0190 0040 0000 0000
                       0000 983a 0000 0000 0000
                                                .@...............
    01a0: 983a 0000 0000 0000 2104 4910 0000 0000
                                                .:.................
    01b0: ffff ffff 0000 0000 ffff ffff 0000 0000
```

#### Analysis:

```
0000 — 0037 Attribute Header

0038 — 007F 1. Attribute $10

0080 — 00FF 2. Attribute $30

0100 — 0167 3. Attribute $50

0168 — 01AF 4. Attribute $80

01B0 — 01BF End Marker
```

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```
Demo: Analyze MFT record manually
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{((2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)) \mid xxd \mid less\}
                                                FILE0
    0000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000
    0010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 b801 0000 0004 0000
                                                8
    0030: 1300 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
                                                Н
    0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
    0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 4800 0000
                                                . . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
```

```
..@...........
0190: 0040 0000 0000 0000 983a 0000 0000 0000
                                 . @ . . . . . . : . . . . . . .
01a0: 983a 0000 0000 0000 2104 4910 0000 0000
                                 .:.................
01b0: ffff ffff 0000 0000 ffff ffff 0000 0000
```

	Offset	Offset	Size			Value			Description:
	0168	00	4			8000	0000	\$80	Attribute Type ID: \$80
	016C	04	4			4800	0000	72	Length of Attribute
	0170	80	1				01	1	Non-Resident Flag
	0190	28	8	0040	0000	0000	0000	16384	Allocated size
	0198	30	8	983a	0000	0000	0000	15000	Actual size
	01AA	42	2				4910	4169	Start cluster of data run
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```
$ Is -I NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
    13 Dez 9 14:38 NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls −r −o 2048 ntfs.raw
    r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 74
    Attributes .
    Type: DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Resident size: 13
$ icat -0 2048 ntfs raw 74
    Hello World!
Exercise:: Investigate Non-Resident Flag
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2| \times d | less
    0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 2800 0000
                                                  . . . . . . . . . . . . ( . . .
    0170: 0000 0000 0000 0200 0400 0000 1800 0000
    0180: 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a00 0000
                                                 Hello World!....
```

## 3.7 Hiding Data

- Exercise: Information Exfiltration: Are there hidden data?
  - Windows Explorer
  - Show hidden files
  - o CMD: dir
  - o Open the file
  - 0
  - o Other ideas?
- Answers:
  - > >
  - >
- Creating ADS:
  - >
  - >
  - >

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- Answers:

```
> dir /r  # Windows Vista +
>
> notepad G:\test.txt:123.txt
> mspaint G:\text.txt:123.jpg
```

#### Creating ADS:

```
> File name syntax: <filename.ext>><>
>
> type 123.txt >> G:\test.txt:123.txt
> type "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\My Pictures\
> Sample Pictures\Sunset.jpg >> test.txt:123.jpg
```

## 3.7 Hiding Data

- History Alternate Data Stream:
  - OS/2 development by Microsoft and IBM
  - HPFS suported extended attributes in forks
  - NTFS forks renamed ADS
- Use of Alternate Data Stream:
  - Download zone of files
  - Replace of 'Thumbs.db' file in Windows 2000
  - File properties manually updated
- Exercise: Investigate MFT record after ADS creation
  - 1. Dump MFT record of the ADS hosting file
  - 2. Add an Alternate Data Stream to the file
  - 3. Dump MFT record of the ADS hosting file
  - 4. Analyze what has changed



4. NTFS - Advanced

# 4.1 Analyzing MFT Record manually

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```
dd if=ntfs.raw skip= ((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2 xxd | less
     0000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000
                                                    FILE0
     0010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 9801
                                    0000 0004 0000
                                                    . . . . 8 . . . . . . . . . . .
     0020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0400 0000 4a00 0000
                                                    0030: 0500 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
     0040: 0000 0000 0000 3000 0000 1800 0000
                                                    . v . . . . . . % . . . . . . .
     0050: d376 ale4 95ae d501 2580 ale4 95ae d501
     0060: 2580 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                    % . . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
   Offset
           Size
                               Value
                                               Description:
    0000
                           4649 4c45
                                       FILE
                                               Signature
              4
    0006
                                               Entries in Fixup Area
                                0300
    0008
                 0000 0000
                          0000 0000
                                               $LogFile Seq Num
                                          0
    0010
                                0100
                                               Seg Num: Use of record
    0012
                                0100
                                               Link Count
    0014
                                3800
                                         56
                                               Offset to first attribute
    0016
                                0100
                                       file
                                               file =1; directory=3
    0018
                                               Record size in use
              4
                           9801 0000
                                        408
                                               Record size allocated
    001C
                           0004 0000
                                       1024
    002C
                           4a00 0000
                                               Record number
                                         74
                      0000 0000 0000
    0031
                                          0
                                               Fixup Area
    0038
                           1000 0000
                                        $10
                                               Attribute $10
    003C
                           4800 0000
                                               Attribute size
                                       0 \times 48
```

## 4.1 Analyzing MFT Record manually

```
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2 \times xd | less
     0030: 0500 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
                                                   . . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . . .
     0040: 0000 0000 0000 0000 3000 0000 1800 0000
                                                   . . . . . . . . 0 . . . . . . .
     0050: d376 ale4 95ae d501 2580 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   . v . . . . . . % . . . . . . .
     0060: 2580 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   % . . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     0
     0090: 6400 0000 1800 0100 4800 0000 0000 0200
                                                   d . . . . . . . H . . . . . . .
     00a0: d376 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   . v . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     00b0: d376 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   . v . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     0040: 2000 0000 0000 0000 1100 7300 7500 6200
                                                    . . . . . . . . . s . u . b .
                                                   Dir Fil
     00e0: 5f00 4400 6900 7200 5f00 4600 6900 6c00
    00f0: 6500 3100 2e00 7400 7800 7400 1800 0000
                                                   e.1...t.x.t....
    0100: 5000 0000 6800 0000 0000 0000 0000 0100
                                                  P...h......
     0110: 5000 0000 1800 0000 0100 0480 1400 0000
```

Offset	Size	Value		Description:
0038	4	1000 0000	\$10	\$STANDARD_INOFRMATION
003C	4	4800 0000	0×48	Attribute size
0800	4	3000 0000	\$30	\$FILE_NAME
0084	4	8000 0000	0×80	Attribute size
0100	4	5000 0000	\$50	\$SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR
0104	4	6800 0000	0×68	Attribute size

# 4.1 Analyzing MFT Record manually

```
5000
                0000 6800
                                0000 0000 0000 0100
                                                       P...h.......
    0100:
                          0000
                0000
                     1800
                           0000
                                0100 0480 1400 0000
           5000
    0120
           2400
                0000
                     0000
                           0000
                                3400
                                     0000 0102 0000
    0130: 0000 0005
                     2000
                           0000
                                2002
                                     0000 0102 0000
    0140: 0000 0005 2000
                           0000
                                2002 0000 0200 1c00
    0150: 0100 0000 0003
                                ff01
                          1400
                                     1f00 0101 0000
    0160: 0000 0001 0000
                           0000
                                8000 0000
                                           2800 0000
    0170: 0000 0000 0000
                           0200 0400 0000 1800 0000
    0180: 4865 6c6c 6f20
                           576f 726c 6421 0a00 0000
                                                       Hello World !
    0190: ffff ffff 0000
                          0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
  Offset
           Size
                                Value
                                                  Description:
    0100
                            5000 0000
                                          $50
                                                  $SECURITY DESCRIPTOR
    0104
                            6800 0000
                                         0×68
                                                  Attribute size
              4
    0168
                            8000 0000
                                          $80
                                                  $SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR
    016C
                            2800 0000
                                         0 \times 68
                                                  Attribute size
    0170
                                   00
                                                  Non-Resident Flag
    0171
                                   00
                                                  Name lenght
    0172
                                 0000
                                                  Name offset
    0174
                                 0000
                                            n
                                                  Flags
    0176
                                 0200
                                                  Attribute ID
    0178
                            0000 0000
                                           13
                                                  Attribute lenght
    017C
                                 1800
                                         0 \times 18
                                                  Attribute offset
    017F
                                 0000
                                                  Padding
    0180
                                                  Content + Padding
                            ffff ffff
                                          EOR
                                                  End Marker
41 of 9:190
              4
```

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```
    SBitmap file is located at MFT record 6

- It contains the status of each cluster
     — Allocated or

    Not allocated

- Each bit represent a cluster
- Example: Byte 1: 0x13 == 0001 0100
           -> Allocated Cluster: 3, 5
           -> Not allocated Clusters: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8
           Byte 12: 0xC1 == 1100 0001
                                                                   \# 12 * 8 = 96
           —> Allocated Cluster: 96, 102, 103
           -> Not allocated Clusters: 97, 98, 99, 100, 101
Exercise: Calculate size of the $Bitmap file
    $ fsstat -o 2048 ntfs.raw
        Cluster Size: 4096
        Total Cluster Range: 0 - 32510
        Total Sector Range: 0 - 260094
    32510 Clusters \longrightarrow 32510 Bits \longrightarrow 4064 Byts \longrightarrow 8 Sectors \longrightarrow 1 Clusters
    $ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6
         Attributes .
        Type: $DATA (128-1) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 4064 init_size: 4064
         4071
```

Exercise: Create a 6 cluster test file to investigate \$Bitmap file

```
Investigate bitmap for cluster 29056-29063
   Calculate bitmap position: 29056 / 8 = 3632 = 0 \times e30
 $ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
    __
Exercise: Create a 6 cluster test file to investigate $Bitmap file
$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/cdrom/6-cluster.txt count=47
$ Is -Ih /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
    24064 Dez 5 12:10 /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
    r/r 66-128-2: 6-cluster.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 66
    Attributes:
    29056 29057 29058 29059 29060 29061
```

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    24064 Dez 5 12:10 /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
    r/r 66-128-2: 6-cluster.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 66
    Attributes:
    29056 29057 29058 29059 29060 29061
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
    00000e30: 3f00 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ?......
          0011 1111
    —> Allocated clusters: 29056, 29057, 29058, 29059, 29060, 29061
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```

```
$ Is -I /cdrom/small_text_file.txt
     15000 Dez 9 16:09 /cdrom/small_text_file.txt
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
     r/r 73-128-2: small_text_file.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73
    Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 15000 init_size: 15000
     4169 4170 4171 4172
Data cluster:
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4169*8)) count=((4*8)) | xxd | less
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 73 | xxd | less
MFT record 73:
dd if=ntfs.raw skip= ((2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)) count=2 xxd | less
$Bitmap file
4169 / 8 = 521.125 \longrightarrow Byte 521 (0x209) in $Bitmap file for Cluster 4168 - 4175
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
1. Extract the data
2. $ rm /cdrom/small_text_file.txt
3. Extract data and compare
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```

```
Data cluster:
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
00003ab0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
00003fe0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
$Bitmap file:
00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff 0700 0000 0000 .......
  0 \times 209 = 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1
        Y Y Y Y
```

Before delete:

```
Data cluster:
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
00003ab0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
00003fe0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
$Bitmap file:
00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffe1 0700 0000 0000 .......
   0 \times 209 = 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0
        x \times x \times x
```

After delete:

#### Before delete:

#### MFT record:

offset:	size:	value:	description:
0010	2 2	1	Record sequence number
0012		1	Link count
0016	2	1	Record flag: 0000 = file deleted 0100 = file in use 0200 = dir deleted 0300 = dir in use
0030	2 2	1100	FixUp values
03 fe		1300	CRC

#### After delete:

#### MFT record:

offset:	size:	value:	description:
0010 0012	2 2	2	Record sequence number Link count
0016	2	0	Record flag: 0000 = file deleted
			0200 = dir deleted
0030	2	1400	0300 = dir in use FixUp values
03 fe	2	1400	CRC

### 4.4 Directories

```
$ mkdir NTFS_Sub_Dir
$ echo "Hello World!" > NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ Is -la NTFS_Sub_Dir/
          168 Dez 9 14:38 ./
         4096 Dez 9 14:37 ../
           13 Dez 9 14:38 sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls −r −o 2048 ntfs.raw
     d/d 72-144-2: NTFS_Sub_Dir
     r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4*8 + 72*2)) count=2
                                                          xxd | less
     00000000 4649 4645 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000
                                                          FILEO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     00000010: 0200 0100 3800 0300 3002 0000 0004 0000
                                                           . . . . 8 . . . 0 . . . . . . .
     00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0400 0000 4800 0000
                                                           . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
     00000030: 1000 7200 0000 0000 1000
                                          0000 4800 0000
                                                           . . r . . . . . . . . . H . . .
     00000040: 0000 0000 0000 0000 3000
                                         0000 1800 0000
                                                           . . . . . . . . 0 . . . . . . .
     00000050: 6e9d 97c1 95ae d501 5877 a1e4 95ae d501
                                                           n . . . . . . . Xw . . . . . .
     00000060: 5877 ale4 95ae d501 c624 dded 95ae d501
                                                          Xw $
     Offset .
                             Value:
             Length:
                                          Description:
                                          Record header signature
  00000000
                               FILE
                               3800
                                          Pointer to first attribute
  00000014
  00000016
                               0300
                                          Record flag: 3 = directory in use
  00000038
                          1000 0000
                                          Standard Information
  0000003C
                                          Size of the attribute (total)
                          4800 0000
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```

### 4.4 Directories

```
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4*8 + 72*2)) count=2 | xxd | less
     00000080: 3000 0000 7800 0000 0000 0000 0000 0300
                                                       0 . . . × . . . . . . . . . . .
              2000 0010 0000 0000 0c00 4e00 5400 4600
                                                        00000040 \cdot
                                                       S. - . S. u. b. - . D. i .
     000000e0: 5300 5f00 5300 7500 6200 5f00 4400 6900
     000000f0: 7200 1800 0000 0200 5000 0000 6800 0000
                                                       r . . . . . . . P . . . h . . .
     00000160: 9000 0000 c800 0000 0004 1800 0000 0200
     00000170: a800 0000 2000 0000 2400 4900 3300 3000
                                                       .... $.1.3.0.
     00000180: 3000 0000 0100 0000 0010 0000 0100 0000
                                                       0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     00000190: 1000 0000 9800 0000 9800
                                       0000 0000
                                                 0000
     000001a0: 4a00 0000 0000 0100 7800
                                       6400 0000 0000
                                                       . . . . . . . . . x . d . . . . . .
     000001b0: 4800 0000 0000 0200 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                       H . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     000001c0: 2580 ale4 95ae d501
                                  2580 ale4 95ae d501
     000001d0: d376 ale4 95ae d501 1000 0000 0000 0000
                                                       . V . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     000001f0: 1100 7300 7500 6200 5f00 4400 6900 1000
                                                       ..s.u.b._.D.i...
     00000200: 5f00 4600 6900 6c00 6500 3100 2e00 7400
                                                       _.F.i.l.e.1...t.
     Value:
  Offset:
            Length:
                                       Description:
 00000080
                 4
                        3000 0000
                                       $FILE NAME
  00000084
                        7800 0000
                                       Size of the attribute (total)
 00000088
                             0000
                                       Resident
                                       $INDEX_ROOT
 00000160
                        9000 0000
```



5. File System Time Line

## 5.1 Time stamps: Nomenclature

- FAT
  - MAC times
    - M time: Content last Modified
    - A time: Content last Accessed
    - C time: File Created
- NTFS
  - MACF times
    - M time: Content last Modified
    - A time: Content last Accessed
    - C time: File Created
    - E-time: MFT Entry last mofidied
    - MACB times
      - M time: Content last Modified
      - A time: Content last Accessed
      - C time: MFT record last Changed
      - B-time: File created (Born)

## 5.2 Time stamps: Example

```
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73
    MFT Entry Header Values:
     Entry: 73
                      Sequence: 2
     $LogFile Sequence Number: 0
     Not Allocated File
     Links: 0
    $STANDARD INFORMATION Attribute Values:
     Flags: Archive
     Owner ID · 0
     Security ID: 0
     Created:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-09 16:09:46.183651100
                                                       (CET)
    MFT Modified:
                        2019-12-09 16:09:46.183651100
                                                       (CET)
     Accessed:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     $FILE NAME Attribute Values:
     Flags: Archive
     Name: small text file txt
     Parent MFT Entry: 5
                                 Sequence: 5
     Allocated Size: 16384
                                 Actual Size: 0
     Created:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
    MFT Modified
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400
                                                       (CET)
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     Accessed:
```

### 5.3 Last Access Time

- ullet Updated im memory, writen to disk after pprox 1h
- As of Win Vista
  - Not updated per default
    - HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE/SYSTEM/CurrentControlSet/Control/ /FileSystem/NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate



- Performance reasons
- · Good for file server
- Still updated some times
  - File new created
  - File copied
  - File moved

#### Reproduce file system activities

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                               113 ...b
                                                 35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                                75 m.cb
                                                 37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:25:24
                                75 m ch
                                                 38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
                                75 m
                                                 41-128-1 \text{ c:/time}-03 - \text{Copy.txt}
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
                                75 m. b
                                                 39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:27:00
                                75 mach
                                                 40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:33:50
                               113 m c
                                                 35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                                75 . acb
                                                 41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:10:36
                                75 c
                                                 39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:14:20
                                20 m
                                                 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
                                20 . acb
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                                                 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
```

#### File: $time - 01.t \times t$

Thu Jun 27 201	3 12:23:08	113b	35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 201	3 12:33:50	113 m.c.	35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt

#### File: time -02.txt

Thu Jun 27	2013 12:24:20	) 75 m.cb	37-128-1 c:	/time -02.txt

#### Reproduce file system activities

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                               113 ...b
                                                 35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                                75 m.cb
                                                 37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:25:24
                                75 m ch
                                                 38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
                                75 m
                                                 41-128-1 \text{ c:/time}-03 - \text{Copy.txt}
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
                                75 m. b
                                                 39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:27:00
                                75 mach
                                                 40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:33:50
                               113 m c
                                                 35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                                75 . acb
                                                 41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:10:36
                                75 c
                                                 39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:14:20
                                20 m
                                                 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
                                20 .acb
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                                                 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
```

#### $\label{eq:File:time-03} \textit{File:} \ \textit{time} - \textit{O3.} \, \textit{txt} \;, \; \; \textit{time} - \textit{O3} \; - \; \textit{Copy.} \, \textit{txt}$

Thu Jun 27 2013	12:25:24	75 m.cb	38-128-1	c:/time -03.txt
		75 m	41 - 128 - 1	c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013	13:07:52	75 .acb	41 - 128 - 1	c:/time-03 - Copy.txt

#### File: time -02.txt

Thu Jun 27	2013 12:26:05	75 mb	39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu Jun 27	2013 13:10:36	75c.	39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt

#### Reproduce file system activities

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                              113 ...b
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                               75 m.cb
                                                37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:25:24
                               75 m ch
                                                38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
                               75 m
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
                               75 m. b
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
Thu lun 27 2013 12:27:00
                               75 mach
                                                40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)
Thu lun 27 2013 12:33:50
                              113 m c
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                               75 . acb
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:10:36
                               75 c
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:14:20
                               20 m
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                               20 . ach
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
```

#### File: $time - 05.t \times t$

Thu Jun 27 2013 12:27:00 75 macb 40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)

#### File: time -06.txt

Thu Jun 27 2013 13:14:20 20 m... 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30 20 .acb 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt

Summary: What could we reproduce

File: time -01.txt		
	time - 01.txt -> new create	Yes
	time -01.txt -> modified content	No
	time = 01.txt => Induffed Content time = 01.txt => 2nd modification	Yes
7. 12.00.00	time of the particular and the p	
time -02. txt		
2. 12:24:20	$time - 02.txt \rightarrow new create$	Yes
8. 12:29:50	time - 02.txt -> open/access file	No
9. 12:30:01	time - 02.txt -> close	No
time-03.txt, $time$		
	time - 03.txt -> new create	Yes
10. 13:07:52	$time-03.txt \rightarrow copy to time-0003 - Copy.txt$	Yes/No
time —44. t×t		
4. 12:26:05	time -04.txt -> new create	Yes
11. 13:10:36	time $-04.txt \rightarrow$ rename to time $-0044.txt$	Yes/No
		,
time $-05$ . txt		
5. 12:27:00	$time -05.txt \rightarrow new create$	Yes
14. 13:58:07	$time-05.txt \rightarrow delete file$	No
time -06.txt		
	time - 06.txt -> new created on other drive	Vaa /Na
		Yes/No Yes
	time $-06.txt$ $->$ copy to local drive	res
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Yes/No

### 5.5 Create a Time Line

fls - f ntfs - o 2048 - m D: / - r ntfs.raw > time/d.bodyTime machine format

\$ mkdir time

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-m

D:/ Add D:/ as mountpoint in report Recursive — r \$ cd time mactime -b d.body > d.time\$ less d.time Mon Dec 02 2019 16:25:22 15000 .a.b 73-128-2 D:/small\_text\_file.txt (deleted) Wed Dec 04 2019 14:41:27 15051 .a.b 64-128-2 D:/AaaA.txt Wed Dec 04 2019 14:42:06 15051 m c 64-128-2 D:/AaaA.txt Wed Dec 04 2019 14:43:20 15000 macb 65-128-2 D:/Nonresident.txt (deleted) Thu Dec 05 2019 12:10:53 24064 m ch 66-128-2 D:/6-cluster.txt Thu Dec 05 2019 12:11:12 66-128-2 D:/6-cluster.txt 24064 a Mon Dec 09 2019 14:37:09 168 ...b 72-144-2 D:/NTFS\_Sub\_Dir Mon Dec 09 2019 14:38:08 168 m.c. 72-144-2 D:/NTFS\_Sub\_Dir 13 mach 74-128-2 D:/NTFS\_Sub\_Dir/sub\_Dir\_File1.txt Mon Dec 09 2019 14:38:24 168 .a.. 72-144-2 D:/NTFS\_Sub\_Dir Mon Dec 09 2019 16:09:46 15000 m.c. 73-128-2 D:/small\_text\_file.txt (deleted) Sun Nov 29 2076 09:54:34 0-128-1 D:/\$MFT 76800 mach



6.



7. Carving and String Search

# 7.1 Magic Bytes - File signatures

```
xxd logo_h4k -350x250.jpg | less
0000000: ffd8 ffe0 0010 4a46 4946 0001 0100 0001 ......JFIF......
                                                   ...(...(..:P...
0008 cc0 · 0 fa 5 0 a 28 141 a 0028 a 0 d 0 3 a 5 0 0 7 ff d 9
xxd cases.jpg | less
0000000: ffd8 ffe1 0018 4578 6966 0000 4949 2a00 ..... Exif... II *.
                                                   @(....P...
0001730: 4028 0500 a014 0280 501f ffd9
/etc/scalpel/scalpel.conf
                               \xff\xd8\xff\xe0\x00\x10 \xff\xd9
   ipg
                 200000000
                 200000000
                               \xff\xd8\xff\xe1
                                                              \xff\xd9
  ipg
```

## 7.1 Magic Bytes - File signatures

```
xxd MECO-SMILE.pdf | less
0000000: 2550 4446 2d31 2e34 0a25 c7ec 8fa2 0a35 %PDF-1.4.%....5
005c4d0 · 3431 390a 2525 454f 460a
                                                419.%%EOF.
xxd LU-NCSS-2-EN.pdf | less
00000000: 2550 4446 2d31 2e35 0d25 e2e3 cfd3 0d0a %PDF-1.5.%.....
0007a7e0: 6566 0d31 3136 0d25 2545 4f46 0d ef.116.%%EOF.
/etc/scalpel/scalpel.conf
                  5000000
                              %PDF
                                      %EOF\x0d
                                                   REVERSE
  pdf
                  5000000
                              %PDF
                                      %EOF\x0a
                                                   REVERSE
  pdf
```

# 7.2 Carving tools

- Foremost
  - o Version 1.5.7
- Scalpel
  - Version 1.60
  - o Based on Foremost 0.69
- Bulk Extractor
  - o Emails, Email addresses
  - o URLs
  - Credit card numbers
  - Social media
  - o Telephone numbers
  - o ..
- Testdisk Photorec

### 7.3 Limitations

- Basically file system independent
- Data sequential
  - Data must be sequential
  - Fragmented data leads to broken files
  - Very large files are more fragmented
  - o Depends on file system
  - Depends on media type
  - Data could be overwritten partially
- End of file
  - Does the file format support end marker
  - Do we find a new magic byte
  - Overlapping files
  - o Empty space at the end of a sector

### 7.4 Exercise: Recover data from formated drive

- Try meta data based recovery with fls
- Carving formated drive

```
mkdir out1/
  foremost -t all -i formated.dd -o out1/
  out1/audit.txt
  File: deleted dd
  Start: Wed Aug 22 16:20:43 2018
  Length: 32 MB (33554432 bytes)
           Name (bs=512)
                                                              Comment
  Num
                                   Size
                                             File Offset
  0 :
          00009032.jpg
                                  5 KB
                                                4624384
  1 -
          00009080.ipg
                                 35 KB
                                                4648960
  2:
                                 30 KB
          00037617.jpg
                                               19260232
  3:
          00037678.jpg
                                106 KB
                                               19291633
  16.
          00037608.pdf
                                   1 MR
                                               19255296
          00041288.pdf
                                489 KB
                                               21139456
                                                               (PDF is Linearized)
  17:
  Finish: Wed Aug 22 16:20:43 2018
  18 FILES EXTRACTED
  ipg:=9
  png:=6
  pdf := 3
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```

# 7.5 What is 'String Search'?

- Not sophisticated
- Search for strings
  - At least 4 characters long
  - From any file: Text, binary, disk image
  - Search for ASCII, Unicode, big/little endian
- Search the disk image for known words
  - Terms used in a secret document.
  - IBAN ot other banking details
  - Email addresses or URLs
- Search thrue all the blocks
  - Allocated non sllocated blocks

  - File slack and outside partition boundaries
- Goal
  - Proof that the data was there once
  - Identify intresting data that are close

## 7.6 Examples

- Search for strings
  - o strings -a circl-dfir.dd | less
- Min-Len
  - o strings -a -n 10 circl-dfir.dd | less
- Unicode 16 bit little endian
  - o strings -a -n 10 -el circl-dfir.dd | less
- Unicode 16 bit big endian
  - o strings -a -n 10 -eb circl-dfir.dd | less
- Offset in decimal
  - o strings -a -n 10 -eb -td circl-dfir.dd | less
- grep for your search term
  - o strings -a -n 10 -td circl-dfir.dd | grep -i paula

# 7.7 Steps to do a String Search

- Identify block/cluster size mmls, fsstat
- Search for the string and the offset blkls | srch\_strings | grep
- 3. Calculate block/cluster of the string xxxxxxxxx / 4096 = yyyy
- 4. Review block/cluster content blkcat
- Identify inode of the block/cluster ifind
- 6. Identify associated file ffind
- 7. Recover file

icat

Or mount and copy file

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## 7.8 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

## 1. Identify cluster size

```
mmls circl-dfir.dd
```

```
Slot
                    Start
                                 End
  1
                                              Length
                                                           Description
000 Meta
                0000000000
                             0000000000
                                          0000000001
                                                       Primary Table (#0)
001:
               0000000000
                             0000002047
                                          0000002048
                                                       Unallocated
002: 000:000
                0000002048
                             0004917247
                                          0004915200
                                                       NTFS / exFAT (0x07)
```

fsstat -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd

File System Type: NTFS
Volume Serial Number: 7B6F5F9427919882

OFM Name: NTFS

Volume Name: CIRCL-DFIR

Sector Size: 512 Cluster Size: 4096

## 7.8 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

#### 2. Search for the string 'Paula'

```
blkls -e -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd | strings -a -td | grep -i paula

157342 Paula's cat is fat......
157370 Paula's cat is fat......
157510 Paula's cat is fat......
157538 Paula's cat is fat......
```

#### 3. Calculate cluster of the string

```
echo $((157342/4096))
38
echo $((157538/4096))
38
```

#### 4. Review cluster content

```
blkcat —o 2048 circl—dfir2dd 38 | strings
....
Paula's cat is fat.....
Paula's cat is fat.....
Paula's cat is fat.....
```

### 7.8 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

### 5. Identify inode of the cluster

```
ifind -o 2048 -d 38 circl-dfir.dd 0-128-1
```

### 6. Identify associated file

```
ffind -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd 0-128-1 //$MFT
```

#### 7. Recover file

```
icat -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd 0-128-1 > MFT
```

### Exercise: Manual approach - Learn from errors

```
dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=38 count=1 | xxd | less dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=\$((2048+38)) count=1 | xxd | less dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=\$((2048/8+38)) count=1 | xxd | less
```



8. Forensics Challenges

- Situation:
  - NTFS formated partition
  - o A small resident file
- Challenge:
  - Analyze MFT record
  - Let the file grow
  - Analyze MFT record
  - Analyze data clusters
  - Modify content of the file
  - o Analyze data clusters
  - o Analyze MFT record

```
$ Is -I /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
    13 Dez 9 14:38 /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls -r -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep File1
    + r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 74
     Attributes .
    Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Resident size: 13
dd if=ntfs.raw skip= ((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count= 2 | xxd | less
     00000000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000 FILE0.....
     00000010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 9801 0000 0004 0000 ....8......
     00000170: 0000 0000 0000 0200 0400 0000 1800 0000
    00000180: 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a00 0000 Hello World!
     00000190: ffff ffff 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
$ for x in {1..1000}: do echo -n "$x ": done >> /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ less /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
     Hello World!
     1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
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```

```
$ Is -I /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
    3906 Apr 24 14:39 /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls -r -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep File1
    + r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 74
    Attributes .
    Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 3906 init_size: 3906
    4173
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4173*8)\} count=\{0.5, 0.5\} count=\{0.5, 0.5\}
    00000000 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a31 2032 Hello World 1 2
    00000010: 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2031 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1
    00000020: 3020 3131 2031 3220 3133 2031 3420 3135 0 11 12 13 14 15
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2
                                                  xxd | less
    000001b0: ffff ffff 0000 0000 3820 3139 2032 3020
    000001c0: 3231 2032 3220 3233 2032 3420 3235 2032 21 22 23 24 25 2
    000003e0: 2031 3737 2031 3738 2031 3739 2031 3830 177 178 179 180
    000003f0: 2031 3831 2000 0000 ffff ffff 0000 d607
                                                    181 ........
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```

 $\label{thm:policy:content: What happen with MFT Record?} Update \ file \ content: What happen \ with MFT Record?$ 

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```
$ echo -n 'We modify the content of the file. What is updated:
           Cluster? MFT Record? We will see.' | dd of=/cdrom/
           NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt bs=44 seek=2 conv=notrunc
$ fls -r -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep File1
    + r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 74
    4173
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4173*8)) count=8 | xxd | less
    00000040 3231 2032 3220 3233 2032 3420 3235 2032 21 22 23 24 25 2
     00000050: 3620 3237 2032 3820 5765 206d 6f64 6966 6 27 28 We modif
     00000060: 7920 7468 6520 636f 6e74 656e 7420 6f66 y the content of
dd if=ntfs.raw skip= ((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count= 2 | xxd | less
     000001c0: 3231 2032 3220 3233 2032 3420 3235 2032 21 22 23 24 25 2
     00000140 - 3620 3237 2032 3820 3239 2033 3020 3331 6 27 28 29 30 31
     000001e0: 2033 3220 3333 2033 3420 3335 2033 3620 32 33 34 35 36
```

# 8.2 File System Tunneling

- Situation:
  - NTFS formated partition
  - o A normal file from before
- Challenge:
  - Analyze timestamps
  - o Delete the file
  - Copy a file with the same filename
  - Analyze timestamps
  - o Discover the behavior

# 8.2 File System Tunneling

- 1. Analyze time stamps of a file on NTFS
- \$ II /cdrom/AaaA.txt
   15051 Dez 4 14:42 /cdrom/AaaA.txt\*
- \$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep AaaA r/r 64-128-2: AaaA.txt
- \$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 64

#### \$STANDARD\_INFORMATION Attribute Values:

Created: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

File Modified: 2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600 (CET)
MFT Modified: 2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600 (CET)

Accessed: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

#### $FILE_NAME Attribute Values:$

Created: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

File Modified: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
MFT Modified: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

Accessed: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

- 2. Delete a file and create a new one with same filename
  - # Do something like this on a Windows PC \$ rm /cdrom/AaaA.txt; cp data\_un.dd /cdrom/AaaA.txt

# 8.2 File System Tunneling

```
3. Analyze time stamps of the new file
$ II /cdrom/AaaA.txt
     16384 Apr 27 15:51 /cdrom/AaaA.txt*
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep AaaA
     r/r 64-128-2:
                        AaaA txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 64
    $STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
     Created:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600
                                                       (CET)
    MFT Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600
                                                       (CET)
     Accessed:
                        2020-04-27 16:11:38.144645700
                                                       (CEST)
     $FILE NAME Attribute Values:
     Created:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
    MFT Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     Accessed:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
```

- Situation:
  - NTFS formated partition
  - o A file is deleted
- Challenge:
  - Analyze MFT record before delete
  - o Analyze \$BITMAP file before delete
  - Undo the modifications
  - Analyze MFT record after undo
  - o Analyze \$BITMAP file after undo
  - What is missing

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```
$ Is -I /cdrom/
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
     -/r * 73-128-2: small_text_file.txt
$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 73
     Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 15000 init_size: 15000
     4169 4170 4171 4172
Data cluster:
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4169*8)) count=$((4*8)) | xxd | less
MFT record 73:
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)) count=2| \times d | less
$Bitmap file
4169 / 8 = 521.125 —> Byte 521 (0x209) in $Bitmap file for Cluster 4168 - 4175
                             \times \times \times
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
```

```
Fix $Bitmap file:
$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6
    Type: $DATA (128-1) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 4064 init_size: 4064
    4071
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4071*8)) count=8 | xxd | less
    00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffel 0700 0000 0000 .....
4169 / 8 = 521.125 —> Byte 521 (0x209) in $Bitmap file for Cluster 4168 - 4175
                       x x x x
                     1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1
                  -> 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4071*8)) count=8 of=bitmap.dd
$ hexedit of=bitmap.dd
$ dd if=bitmap.dd seek=((2048 + 4071*8)) of=ntfs.raw conv=notrunc
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4071*8)) count=8 | xxd | less
    00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff 0700 0000 0000 ......
```

#### Fix the MFT record:

```
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)) count=2 of=mft_73.dd
```

\$ hexedit mft\_73.dd 00000000 46 49 4C 45 30 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FILE0....... 00000010 02 00 00 00 38 00 00 00 B8 01 00 00 00 04 00 00 ...8.......

```
offset.
             size: old value: new value: description:
   0010
                              2
                                               Record sequence number
   0012
                              0
                                               Link count
   0016
                  2
                              0
                                               Record flag: 0000 = file deleted
                                                             0100 = file in use
                                               FixUp values
   0030
                           1400
   03 fe
                           1400
                                               CRC
00000000
           46 49 4C 45 30 00 03 00
                                       00 00 00 00
                                                    00 00 00 00
                                                                  FILE0 .......
00000010
           01 00 01 00 38 00 01 00 B8 01 00 00
                                                    00 04 00 00
                                                                  . . . . 8 . . . . . . . . . . .
```

 $dif=mft_73.dd$  seek=((2048 + 4\*8 + 73\*2)) count=2 of=ntfs.raw conv=notrunc

- What is missing?
  - $\circ\,$  Compare output ils and fls
  - What about the directory
  - What is changed in a directory if a file is deleted?
  - → Forensics Hackathon



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# 10. Outlook

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